

In re application of : Confirmation No. 6851

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SECOND REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

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Sir:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

During a personal interview with Examiner Boykin on January 8, 2009, Applicants' attorney discussed the Request for Examiner-Initialed PTO-1449 form filed September 3, 2008, for which a reply has not been received. Applicants are attaching a PTO-1449 form citing the EP 0 299 730 reference relied upon by the Examiner to reject the claims, in both the Office Action of June 3, 2008 and the Office Action of October 10, 2008. As Applicants have previously noted, although the Examiner relies on this reference to reject the claims, there is no PTO-1449 form or PTO-892 form citing this reference.

The Examiner is kindly requested to initial this reference on the attached PTO-1449 form, and then forward a copy of the initialed form to Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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